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DIRTY BUSINESS

I should like to share with you the thoughts suggested by a series of articles carried by the New York Times at the end of April, presenting a detailed analysis of the work of the Central Intelligence Agency. It was not, naturally, the intention of the editors to lay bare the subversive activities of the CIA but the facts cited in the series are highly indicative. They clearly show that espionage, the organization of coups and armed invasions have become major methods of U.S. foreign policy, and that subversive activity against the independent countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America has long since been raised to the status of Washington government policy. The facts cited in the newspaper show that the CIA operations create a threat to the freedom and independence of nations.

A glaring example is the tragedy of the Congolese people. CIA agents infiltrated the Congo. They selected leaders for a pro-American government in the Congo, ensured their advance to power and helped them in every way in the struggle against the true patriots of the country....

"A nefarious, dirty business"—this is how an authority on the unsavory methods of the American secret service summed up the work of the CIA for New York correspondents.

One cannot but agree with his characterization.

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